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SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER ONE AGRICULTURAL
ATTACHE POSITION FROM THE HAGUE TO VIENNA

1. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT HAS SUBMITTED FOLLOWING JUSTI-
FICATION FOR TRANSFERRING ONE U.S. POSITION IN FOREIGN
AGRICULTURE SERVICE FROM THE HAGUE TO VIENNA: QUOTE
IN 1969, THE DEPARTMENT VACATED THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE
POSITION IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, AS PART OF THE BALPA REDUC-
TIONS OVERSEAS. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE MAINTAINED AN
OFFICE THERE STAFFED BY TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE SUPER-
VISED BY OUR ATTACHE IN BERN, SWITZERLAND.
AFTER COMPLETING A REVIEW OF STAFFING NEEDS AND POSSIBIL-
ITIES OPEN TO US, WE CONCLUDE THAT THE REASSIGNMENT OF AN
AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE TO VIENNA IS A NECESSARY STEP TOWARDS
IMPROVING COVERAGE OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN
EASTERN EUROPE AND AUSTRIA AND OUR SERVICING OF THE UNITED
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STATES TRADE INTERESTS IN THE AREA. WE ARE THEREFORE

REQUESTING THE TRANSFER OF ONE U.S. POSITION FROM THE HAGUE, HOLLAND, TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA. THE POSITION WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRAGUE AND BUDAPEST. END QUOTE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS BY CHIEF OF MISSION, VIENNA, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES. KISSINGER

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